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SPRINGVILLE — One of two proposed annexations to the city drew strong opposition from neighbors during a public hearing before the City Council.

Several of the 50 people at the hearing objected to development of the 28.2 acres, along Fourth South and north of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

But a 105.28-acre annexation north of the sewage treatment plant and east of the industrial park drew no opposition. The parcel will be zoned for industrial use.

"This land is being annexed for industrial use, but I have no specific offers," said Clark Fullmer, who owns both parcels.

Because annexations cannot be adopted until at least five days after a public hearing, the land will not become part of the city until the Oct. 2 council meeting.

Fullmer at one time talked about selling the parcel that drew opposition to a developer to build condominiums.

"I am concerned because I am raising cows right behind the property," said Peggy Wiscome, whose property borders the Fullmer parcel. "We like to farm. We are

Fullmer said he has been approached by two other individuals who want to develop the property in other ways.

Norley Hall, who lives across the street, said he is against allowing the property into the city limits.

"Even though this is just a proposal for annexation, I rise in opposition because the proposed development leaves much to be desired. The annexation will make it easier for undesirable development on the property."

Another neighbor said, "It reminds me of the sheik and the camel. The camel wanted to go into the sheik's tent, and he gained entrance one bit at a time."

Bernell Hutchings said, "If this piece is

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Bureau chief will step down

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**Honored
by chamber**

Leo Perry, whose career as a reporter and Provo Bureau manager for the Deseret News has spanned nearly 37 years, will retire Friday.

Perry, 64, was honored this week by the Provo Area Chamber of Commerce for his meritorious service to Utah County.

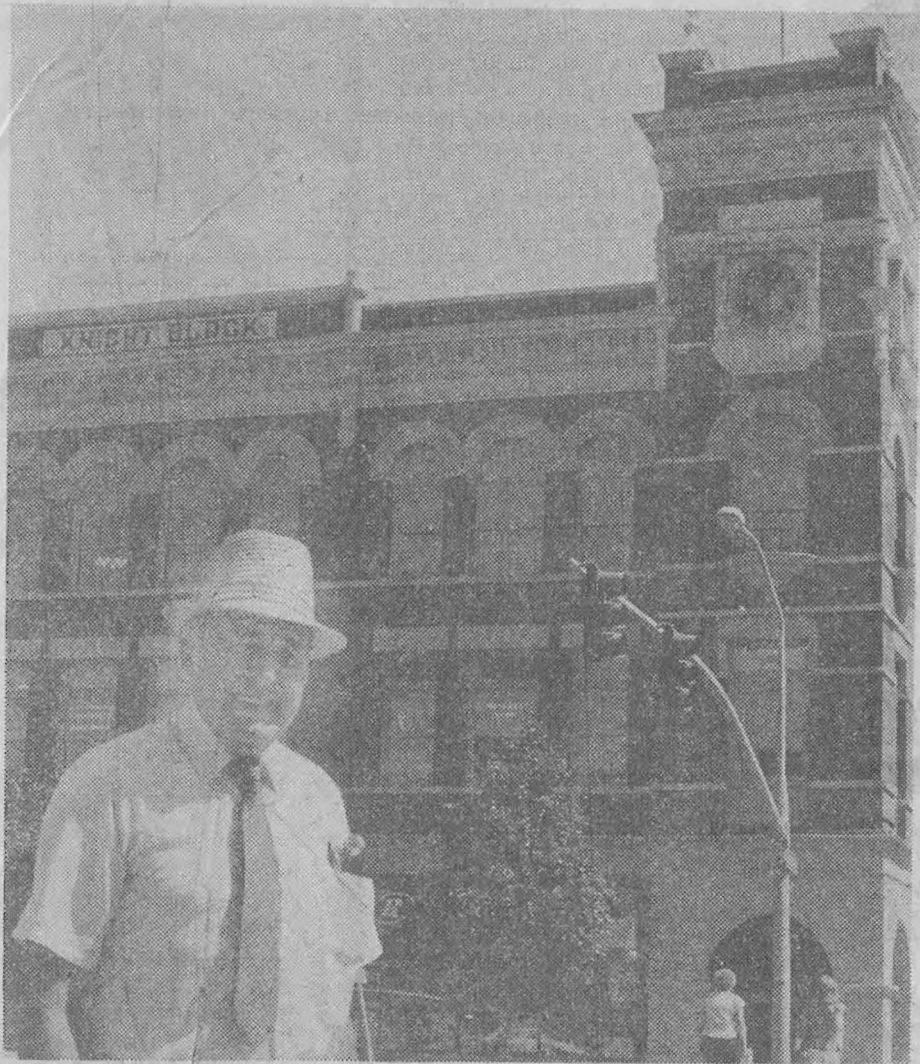
"Leo has been the man behind the scenes. He is easygoing and always a pleasure to work with," said Nevin Limberg, executive vice president of the chamber. "We really appreciate the support he has given the chamber and the city."

Perry and a few other colleagues who are retiring from the Deseret News at the same time will be honored by the newspaper and friends Friday during a reception from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Bonneville III Room of the Westin Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City.

Perry's oftentimes eventful career was capped earlier this year with an award for coverage of Utah flooding news. He was one of a number of journalists and photographers recognized in the 10th annual Utah Excellence in Journalism Awards competition sponsored by the Utah Headliners Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi.

Exciting recollections of his journalist-photographer experiences include a harrowing encounter once

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Leo Perry stands outside the Knight Block in downtown Provo, the headquarters of the Deseret News Utah County Bureau.

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with escapees from the Utah State Prison. Some 29 years ago, early in his career as bureau chief, Perry learned of an intensive manhunt for two inmates fleeing the prison.

As he drove along Timpanogos Road, passing a farm one mile west of Alpine, he saw a woman clutching her two children close to her and running across the road. They fled in fear from the two convicts, so Perry sprang from his automobile, armed with a shank-type tire iron — and his press camera.

Anxiously, he stalked along a fence, searching for the escapees. Suddenly, he saw the two ahead, crouching near the fence, less than a block away. In minutes, an American Fork policeman rushed to the scene and, with Perry pointing the way, advanced on the hiding escapees, capturing them at gunpoint.

Perry busily shot eyewitness photographs of the capture, obtaining a sought-after newsmen's scoop as the officer handcuffed the recaptured prisoners and led them back to captivity.

The Deseret News hired Perry as a reporter on the business and State Capitol news beats in 1947. He was transferred to Provo as bureau chief in 1949. His lengthy bureau assignment won for him newspaper and community recognition in 1951, 1955, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1978 and 1983.

For many years, Perry maintained rapid news contact with editorial offices of the Deseret News, 45 miles north, by teletype. In recent years, he and a greatly enlarged Utah Valley Deseret News staff have transmitted the news via portable and computerized terminals to the Salt Lake editorial offices.

"It will be difficult to move out of the news scene after nearly 37 years," Perry said Wednesday. "It has been my life from the time I started as a cub reporter covering celebrities and visiting officials at the Hotel Utah in 1947 until now.

"I realize, however, there is always a time for a person to move into other phases of his or her life. I expect to travel to visit my six children and 14 grandchildren and write all of the stories I've never had the time to write," he said.

Perry has covered presidents, other high government officials, movie stars and "all of the good things and bad things that have happened to the men and women on the street."

He said he tried to recognize there were nearly always two sides to any questions or dispute and to air both views in the news columns.

"If I had it to do over again, I'd start as a cub reporter tomorrow and be happy with whatever part of humanity they assigned me to cover."

Although a native of Rupert, Idaho, Perry gained his early education in Provo schools. In 1938, he graduated from high school in Venice, Calif. He attended Brigham Young University for two years, then served in the infantry during World War II in the Aleutian Islands and Europe.

He then returned to BYU where he resumed his study of journalism and earned a bachelor of science degree in 1954. He also is a hobby fiction writer, hunter, fisherman and avid sports fan.

Perry has held membership in the chamber and the Provo Jaycees. He has been a high counselor in the West Utah (County) Stake and in the Sunday school superintendency of the East Sharon Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He and his wife, the former Melba Colvin, are the parents of six children.

(Vernie Pearl) Ferguson, Grayling Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Pearl Evans, Provo. He was preceded in death by four children.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Park Memorial Mortuary, 218 S. Main, Payson. Friends may call 6-4 p.m. Thursday or one hour before the service Friday. Burial in the Payson City Cemetery.

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lier expressed opposition to the name change.

In May, the board voted 8-2 the word "technical" should remain in the college's name.

An advisory committee since studied the issue in depth and recommended the two possible name changes.

The name change will not alter the school's mission, regents Chairman Kem Gardner said.

State Commissioner of Higher Education Arvo Van Alstyne said the name change could enhance the school's vocational mission because some students and parents don't like a school they believe is strictly technical or vocational.

UTech offers basic education and a few associate degrees in addition to technical education.

Officials of Utah Technical College at Salt Lake have said they do not want to change their school's name.

